



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter # 7 - Withholding of Article 15, UCMJ Authority

1. The authority to impose Article 15, UCMJ punishment is reserved to the Summary Court-Martial Convening Authority over the prescribed jurisdiction for all soldiers E-1 through E-6, who are charged with the following:
  - a. Assault consummated by a battery.
  - b. Drunk driving.
  - c. Any drug related offense.
  - d. Any offense involving damage to, or destruction of, government or private property, or an incident that adversely affects host nation relations.
2. This policy is not to be construed as my guidance that all soldiers receive a particular punishment. The decision to impose non-judicial punishment is the decision of the appropriate Commander on a case-by-case basis.
3. The authority to return cases to a subordinate commander for disposition is reserved to the Special Court-Martial Convening Authority (Brigade Commander).

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